

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6, 9, 13 and 14 without prejudice and amend claim 10 as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A storage unit kit having components capable of being assembled into a storage unit, the kit comprising:

first, second and third shelf members, wherein each of said shelf members has an opening extending therethrough and comprises a threaded insert disposed in said opening, wherein said threaded insert comprises a threaded bore extending therethrough and open to both sides of a corresponding one of said at least one shelf member members, wherein said insert is capable of being threadably engaged from opposite ends thereof;

a plurality of side panels, at least two of which said plurality of side panels are adapted to be supported on each of said first and second one of said shelf members, with another of said second and third shelf members supported on said at least two of said plurality of side panels supported on each of said first and second shelf members respectively;

at least one back panel adapted to extend between said at least two of said plurality of side panels supported on at least one of said first and second shelf members;

a plurality of tie members adapted to extend between and connect at least two of said first and second shelf members and said second and third shelf members with said at least two of said plurality of side panels clamped therebetween respectively; and

at least one front panel adapted to be connected to at least one of said plurality of side panels;

wherein each of said plurality of side panels, back panels and front panels comprises a securing member adapted to engage at least one of said tie members, and wherein said securing members on said plurality of side panels and said back and front panels are arranged along a length thereof respectively such that they are staggered relative to each other with openings formed thereby in coaxial alignment when said storage unit is assembled.

Claims 11-22 (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) A storage unit comprising:

a first and second horizontal shelf member;

a pair of side panels disposed between said first and second horizontal shelf members, wherein each side panel comprises a bottom, a top, a front and a back, wherein said bottom of each of said side panels is supported by said first shelf member and wherein said second shelf member is supported on said tops of said side panels, and wherein each of said side panels comprising a securing member disposed along said front and back thereof;

a back panel having opposite sides and comprising a securing member along each of said sides thereof, wherein said back panel extends between said side panels with said securing members of said back panel aligned with said securing members on said backs of said side panels;

a front panel having opposite sides and comprising a securing member disposed along at least one of said sides thereof, wherein said securing member of said front panel is aligned with said securing member on the front of one of said side panels;

a first and second tie member engaging said aligned securing members of said back panel and said side panels on each side of said back panel, and a third tie member engaging said aligned securing members of said front panel and said side panel, said first, second and third tie members connecting said first and second horizontal shelf members with said side panels clamped therebetween;

a third horizontal shelf member;

a second pair of side panels disposed between said second and third horizontal shelf members, wherein each of said second pair of side panels comprises a bottom, a top, a front and a back, wherein said bottom of each of said second pair of side panels is supported by said second shelf member and wherein said third shelf member is supported on said tops of said second pair of side panels, and wherein each of said second pair of side panels comprises a securing member disposed along said front and back thereof;

a second back panel having opposite sides and comprising a securing member disposed along each of said sides thereof, wherein said second back panel extends between

said second pair of side panels with said securing members of said back panel aligned with said securing member on said backs of said second pair of side panels;

a second front panel having opposite sides and comprising a securing disposed along at least one of said sides thereof, wherein said securing member of said front panel is aligned with said securing member on the front of one of said second pair of side panels;

a fourth and fifth tie member engaging said aligned securing members of said second back panel and said second pair of side panels on each side of said second back panel, and a sixth tie member engaging said aligned securing members of said second front panel and said one of said second pair of side panels, said fourth, fifth and sixth tie members connecting said second and third horizontal shelf members with said second pair of side panels clamped therebetween.

24. (Previously Presented) The storage unit of claim 23 wherein said first and second shelf members each comprise a plurality of inserts threadably engaged with opposite ends of said first, second and third tie members.

25. (Previously Presented) The storage unit of claim 23 wherein said front panel comprises a pair of first front panels each having a securing member disposed along one side thereof, wherein said securing members of said pair of first front panels are aligned with said securing members on the front of said side panels, and further comprising a seventh tie member engaging said aligned securing members of one of said pair of said first front panels and one of said side panels, said seventh tie member connecting said first and second horizontal shelf members with said side panels clamped therebetween, and wherein said pair of said first front panels are pivotable about said third and seventh tie members respectively.

26. (Previously Presented) The storage unit of claim 23 wherein said back of each of said side panels comprises a back panel section extending substantially perpendicular to a side panel section of said side panel, and wherein said securing member disposed along said back are disposed along an inboard edge of said back panel section.

Claim 27 (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) The storage unit of claim 24 wherein said fourth, fifth and sixth tie members are threadably engaged with said plurality of inserts in said second shelf member.

29. (Previously Presented) The storage unit of claim 28 wherein said third shelf member comprise a plurality of inserts threadably engaged with said fourth, fifth and sixth tie members.